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Dear Praying Friends and Family,

"Christianity without discipleship is always Christianity without Christ."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Answered Prayers

Nine years of prayer were answered this July. Since 2017, my wife and I have prayed for the opportunity to open our home to American Bible College students. We have waited and trusted God's timing as always best. This summer, Chloe Wilson and Phebe Snyder were sent through the New Testament Church Pioneer program at Crown College. It was such a blessing to have them with us. While they were here, they had the chance to fellowship and serve with Biblical Baptist Church in Atonsu, the new church plant in Deduako, as well as Baptist churches in Cape Coast and Accra. It was a blessing to host them in our home and to live, serve, and learn together for a month. As Mr. Swain, a spiritual mentor, told us many years ago, "Discipleship is life touching life." Mark 3:14 says, "And he ordained twelve, that they should be with him..." Christ allowed his life to touch the lives of the apostles, and they were never the same. We are so glad that our family was given the privilege of interacting with Chloe and Phebe in July, and that they got the opportunity to interact with the people here.

Sunday Services

My family and the people of Biblical Baptist Church have been faithfully seeking to reach into the Deduako area for the last year. Thursday night Bible studies have grown and been helped by church people volunteering to attend Bible studies alongside new people. This last month we have seen a number of new people visit. Please for these people specifically: Mr. Matthew, Mr. Emmanuel, Eunice, David, Gabrielle, Alfred, Prince, and Princess. Pray for them to trust Christ and grow.

God has made it clear that it is time to start Sunday services in Deduako. On the 23rd of August (our 23rd Ghanaversary!), we will be starting Sunday School, Sunday Morning, and Sunday Evening Services in this community. Please pray for people to attend. Pray for the helpers (Joe Jr., David, and Mark-Love) as they help with these new responsibilities. Pray for the last details that are being prepared: benches, pulpit, signs, and offering baskets.

On August 30th, Biblical Baptist Church will be joining us in the Deduako and Emena areas to hand out leaflets, preach the gospel, and invite people to the new Sunday services. Please pray for the Spirit of God to guide us and for contacts to be made with people that are seeking for truth.

Prayer Requests

1) Biblical Baptist Church of Atonsu 2) The new church plant in Deduako -- please pray as we start Sunday services on August 23rd 3) For individuals who are in Salvation Bible studies right now, both in Deduako and Atonsu 4) Pray for Ella and Carey in

America. Pray for school and work choices this fall. Pray for each of them as they face specific health issues. Pray for us to know God's will about them visiting us for Christmas break this winter. 6) Pray for some outstanding unspoken requests.

In Christ,

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